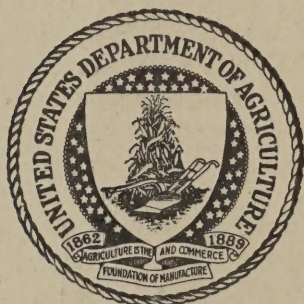


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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
DIRECTOR OF EXTENSION WORK
Washington 25, D. C.

July 26, 1946

For your information
and appropriate action

TO ALL STATE EXTENSION DIRECTORS:

Subject: UNRRA Livestock-Contribution Program

Since June 1945 the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration has been carrying on a livestock purchase program, the stock so obtained being sent to war-devastated countries of Europe for agricultural rehabilitation. Up to July 1, 1946, purchase of livestock under this program have totaled about 70,000 head of horses, almost all of which have been small-type draft mares, and a total of about 27,500 head of dairy cattle consisting of heifers and bulls. The purchase of cattle by use of UNRRA funds was discontinued as of July 1, this year, while the horse purchase program is still in operation. As you probably know, the horses involved in this program have been purchased by competitive bid and largely through regular commercial channels, such as the commission firms on the larger horse markets. The cattle purchased were handled in a somewhat different fashion, mostly through authorized dealers or other persons certified by UNRRA as purchasing agents after being recommended by a dairy breed association or dairy specialists of the State agricultural colleges.

The contributed-animal phase of this program, about which I wrote to you in my letter of July 19, is a part of the program on which UNRRA wishes special emphasis to be put at this time. As indicated in my previous letter, it is the policy of the Department not to accept responsibilities for heading such a program. So far as we know now, no national or State committees are to be set up to head this program. There are, however, many groups, such as churches, service clubs, farm organizations, breed associations, and many public-spirited individuals who may want to aid in rehabilitating farm areas in war-torn countries. UNRRA funds are not sufficient to supply all the present needs for livestock. We think this is a worthy cause for farmers, farm organizations, and breed associations to sponsor. We believe the Extension Service in your State will want to help interested voluntary groups know the essential requirements for undertaking a collection of livestock. As we have explained to UNRRA, State and county extension participation in this program is for the determination of each extension director, in keeping with the traditional educational policy of the Extension Service. However, it does seem that in their capacity as sources of information, extension workers, particularly those in the counties, should have complete information on this program. They

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should know what kind of animals are wanted, what procedures to follow in contributing animals, and where and when UNRRA accepts responsibility. Accordingly, we are accompanying this letter with specifications covering the cattle, horses, and goats which UNRRA is in position to accept under this program, together with the health and transportation requirements, for the information of such members of your staff as you feel could use it to advantage.

UNRRA now has in preparation a popular-type leaflet describing the contributed-livestock program for the use of local groups interesting themselves in the program. Should any local group desire additional supplies of the publication or other informational material in quantity, the county extension agent, through the State extension service, can file an order with the Federal Extension Service. When such a request is received in the Federal Extension office it will be forwarded to the Washington office of UNRRA, which will mail or ship the materials requested to the chairman of the group.

If you desire additional copies of any of the materials accompanying this letter or of the popular leaflet, please let us know promptly.

We will appreciate, also, your writing to us at an early date about the action taken with your staff with respect to this proposed contributed-livestock collection program.

Very truly yours,

M. L. Wilson

Director of Extension Work

Enclosures.

